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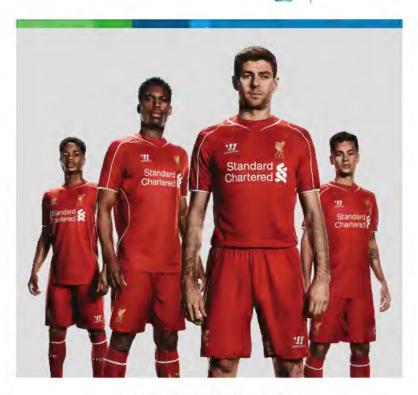
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ALL SEASONS The expansion of Antield gathers pace – and official website visitors have been able to enjoy time-tapes videos of the construction process, while fars at the ground will have noticed the steel chucham of the new Main Stand which will add an edra 8,500 seats to that side of the stadium.

Liverpool FC's operations director Andrew Parkinson says: "We're building something that will be Anfield 21st contuny, but it's really important that it has a learning to the post and our heritage as well, it's got to provide transiste facilities and it will do, but it's also important that you feet you're still at Anfield. So white it's a new stand it has to be very much in keeping with the rest of the statum and feel that it's at Infield."

The new stand is due to open in time for the start of the 2016/17 season.











POAD TO MALAYSIA

Liverpool will return to Malaysia in July se part of their 2015 pre-season four. The Reds will lace a Malaysian Nat Rusel Lumpur's Buikt Juli National Stadium on Friday 24. July. The club's chief executive officer, an Aye, says. "In 2011 the support we received was incredible, not only from the 80,000 fars that washched us play at Buikt Juli, but all our supporters in Malaysia throughout our visit. The tour gries our fars a chance to see the team up close, no matter how far away from Artified they might live."

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POINTS CLEAR

Twenty-first century Antield; a return to Kuala Lumpur and LFC's M&M serve up some Melwood fun

Let PING-FONG

wherpoof's Spanish full-back

prowes at Melvood recently when
they played sech other at table tennis.

Filmed by LPCTV it was a close-run
thing between two accompisshed
ping-pong players, but Alberto Moreno

eventually beal Javier Manquillo by

11 points to 8, with team-mate Jose

Enrique weathing from the sidelenes.

















Mamadou Sakho may be a mean and magnificent central-defender but he has a heart of gold, too, as John Hynes discovers

hile growing up in the 18th Arondissement of Parts, an area described as similar to London's Tower Hamlets, Marriadou Salvino's itte was far from easy. As he mits it "liferne what it's

easy. As he puls it "Hinow what it's line to be a lidd with an empty hidge." Instead of raging against the rights and wrongs of that situation he focused on a single goe! making it as a professional footballer. He was determened to eventually got there and fold overyone as much."

"Nothing is given to you for free," he says now "You really have to work for it and that's what "ve done to get to this point. You need talent and the right

mental approach. Being a footballer is like any job in that you have to pull in lots of effort. Hard work binds everything together. It half's why fire always given everything."

All the same time as putting all of his efforts into making it in the game. Sakho promised himself that if his stated ambition did become a reality he would do his best to give something back and by to help people feas well off. That's why a lot of his spare time is alken up by working for he charity. AMSAK, as well as his ambassadonal rolle visiting local schools with helpool of Chountakion.

"There is nothing more beautiful than seeing the smile of a lud or family that



"I was that kid who needed something so it's great to give back"

you've helped," he points out. "I was once that kid who needed something, so it's great to be able to give back."

Mamaciou feels so strongly about Mamaciou feels so strongly about his efforts for good casses that he is already establishing the self-playing ble will revolve around chamy work. "Obviously, visitend to be a hoobalier for a long time yet," the 25-year-old says." But when the time does come to put away my boots, I'm pretty certain I will get even more involved in the cham't work.

Until their though he only has one aim to help Liverpool PC compete aim to help Liverpool PC compete alongside Europe is best clubs on a regular basis. "You need to forlow what you want in rife. You have to sen for the top and that's why we are all here at Liverpool. We all have the same objective to be in the Champions. League We have got to give our best to get there be accuse it sen't easy and there e a lot of competition."

Prior to Christmas, tally of the Reds fighting for a place in the top four going into this month would heve quickly been dismissed. But a great run of form from mid-December until the middle of March propelled them up the table and into contention for a Champions League place.

Key to the change in fortunes was brenden Rodgers deployment of a three-man defence with wing-backs providing the support on the flants Operating alongade two other centrebacks wasn't something Saltho had experienced too often in his curser "As a professional had never played three at the back before (this season). However withe coming through the youth system at PSG we used a three-man defence from time to time in order to give us experience of different set-ups and faction it's something that seems to suit me as an individual and if it works for the team that's the most important thing.

"It seems ideal, not just for me or the defence, but for everyone. It's a system that allows us to show all of our qualities and demonstrate what we can do both as a farm and as individuals. More often than not, the bit of from of Simon Mignolet has been Sekho, Martin Skriet and Ermer Can. That doesn't mean they are automatic choices, with the Pasistan quick to point out that hall-a-dicash players have their eye on those particular.







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positions in the starting eleven.

"In general, things have gone well for us (Salvin, Svinte and Carl) but it's not just us. There are six players competing for those places. Myself. Errer. Sterts, Dejan (Loverna) and Gien Johnson. It's really healthy competition. During training we have a saugh and get on well together. If think any of the others could easily be in those positions.

We are quite different personalities and maybe that's why three at the back has worked well most of the time. When you want to build a house you need a variety of people, from a builder to an electrician to a cerpenter and so on. The main thing is it's solid. As a unit we've been a solid defence.

Koeping six consecutive away cleancheets in the league between the trip to burnley on Bouing Dey 2014 and the journey to Swansea Cdy on 15 March 2015 was testament to what Sakho's sentiments. The lest time a Liverpool later sector was under Bill Shanidy in 972

Salcho is well aware of the historic significance associated with such landmarks. If it is important to appreciate the history of the club you play for." In the betieves, FODWnuckel, I'm from Paris and spent 13 years at PSC. But I'm a Scouser now and the read about I'm and the I'm the I'm and I'm and

"We're all different people at the back and maybe that's why it works"

For example, read recently that there was a spell in the 1980s when uverpool and Eventon were the most successful learns in the whole country Liverpool would win the league on beason, then Eventon would, then uverpool, then Eventon again and then Liverpool again.

"So I know has equaling the record for away clean sheets in the league is a good achievament and one we should be proud of. But it's not about the three at the back. It's a collective effort aways believe that the first defender is your striker. The group effort of defending starts with him and then continues with everyone else."

The same collective philosophy applies when a comes to the team trying to produce attractive, passing football. Salkho thinks it's not just the job of the midfielders or the attackers to

be creative in possession. "First and foremost my main job is to detend, but containly you have to offer a plus to the team too I try to play offer a plus to the teef of the midfielders, because if you don't do that it makes it hander for them to do their job.

"Distribution from the back is an important part of my garme. You could say that maybe from time to time take the odd risk with some of my passes. If this you have to speculate to accumulate. If you don't take risks in ide you can't improve or atvance. And the person who never ghost the ball away is the parson who never my the never prover.





takes any risks. You have to try things. Sometimes they might not work, but you always have to try if you want to open teams up

Soffly spoken. Sakho's off-field persona appears very different to the combative centre-back we witness in match action. "I'm proud of my qualities and one of them is aggression. I just do what five always done, by to play hard and strong, I entoy the battle against big strikers. in the Premier League. You have to have a presence [in English football], otherwise you will be wiped out. You have to be up for it and ready when there are physical challenges or elbows flying. I don't think there are many malicious players around, but there are plenty who challenge hard.



That mirrors brille

"I just do what I've always done: try to play hard and strong"

particularly centre-forwards." Competing with them is all about timing, Mamadou believes, "You have to control and channel your aggression. It's about when to use fliaggression, and think know how to do that because don't get marry vallow or red cards." Whatever happens between now and the end of the season Sakho and his colleagues deserve credit for the mental strength they showed in turning around their fortunes in 2014/15. Obviously doing so wasn't easy, and he admits some honest conversations were required to get the results back on track

it was a case of everyone spesking openly. What exactly was said will remain in the dressing-room. always think you should prolled the group in situation like this. Left's just lary there was a collective radiscation that things needed to improve. We were positive about it all and when everyone has that attouck you can do so much."

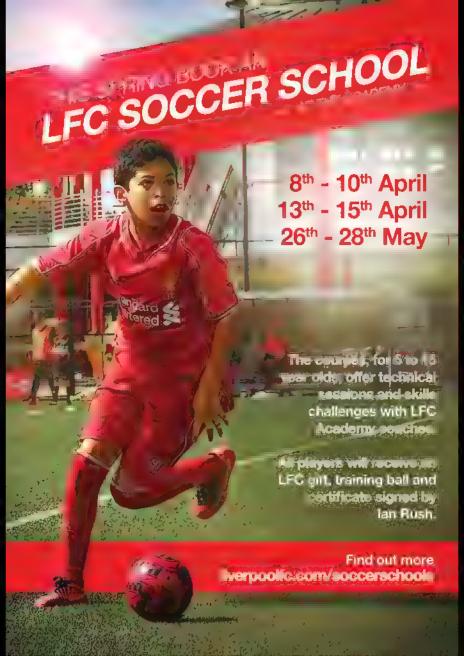
Different class

Mamadou Salcho regularly takes time-out after training to visit All Saints Primary School in Anfield to continue his support-work with overpool FC Foundation, the club's official charity.

As part of his ambassadorial role with the charity he visits the school throughout the course of the season to assist Foundation community coachors bin deliver football seasons for the pupils every week, as well as helping the children with their French caraquage studies.

Twe been part of the 'On the Ball' initiative at All Saints for over a year now and I really enjoy being involved and having the opportunity to give something back," he says. "If I can play a part by sharing my skills and knowledge I aim more than happy to support."

During his last visit Mamadbu was internewed by the BBC Match of the Day Kickaboot presenter Ed Bearryman, for a feature which first aired in April on BBC One and the Idd's channel CBBC channel.



FORWILFER

Two-score questions to

celebrate the ace marksman's big birthday on Thursday 9 April

- 1 How many goals did Fowler score at Old Trafford in his Liverpool career?
- 2 From which club did Robbie return to Liverpool on a free! In the January transfer window of 2006?
- What was his sumame as a Liverpool schoolboys footballer in the early 1960s?
- 4 "It was a real muchalith and we were losing 1-0. Stan Collymore got the ball out on the left and put in a great cross and met it but on the volley from close in. Yeah, I enjoyed that one." Against whom had Fowler scored in April 1997?
- 5 When dub skipper Jame Redknapp was ruled out after lorse surgery with whom did Fowler share vice-captain duties for the 2001 Worthington Cup linal against Bemingham City in Carotif?
- Where does Fowler's Armani white suit from the 1996 FA Cup final againsdt Man United currently reside?
- Who are the only four men to score more goals for Liverpool as of the start of March 2015?
- "Michael Owen's pace was special and that made him special. Robbie was different. I'd never seen such a sharp goalscorer before. He was so cool when it came to putting the ball away." Which fellow Reds styler made this observation?
- Whom did Robbis accidentally luck in the face in a half-lime penalty shootout during the Jiverpool-West Broin game at Anfield in February 2013?
- 10 Who is the only Jiverpool player to score at least 20 Premier Laggue goals in successive seasons since Fowler did in 1994/95 and 95/96?
- 11 At which London ground or 26 August 1995 did he score his 50th goal for the club?
- 1.2 Who'd been the last Everpool player to score five goals in a match







AT 40 III

- how much do you know about one of LFC's greatest strikers?









before Robbie did if against Fullham at Amfeld in the League Cup secondround second leg of October 1993?

- 13 True or talse: Fowler was on the bench for the 2007 Champions League final against Milan in Athens?
- 1.4 What was the official time of Fowler's fastest-ever hat-trick in Premier League history against Arsenai al Antield'in August 1994?
- 16 in total how many Premier League hat-tricks did he accre?
- 16 And to date who is the only player to have scored more Premier League hal-tricks?
- 17 True or false. Fowler's goal against Alaves in the 2001 DEFA Cup final was his last in Europe for Liverpoot.
- 18 Fowler is one of three Liverpool players to have missed a penalty in a Premier League Merseyside derby who are the other two?
- 19 Phor to fast year's Celebration of the 96 match, which was the last non-competitive Anfield game in which Robbie appeared?
- 20 And for whom was his last competitive appearance at Antield?
- 21 Fowler with nine has scored the most Premier League goals for Liverpool against Arsenal who, with four goals, is next?
- Against which team did he once score in both legs of a League Cup semi-final?
- 23 in the legendary first 4-3 match against Newcastle United at Anfield in March 996 who provided the assists for Fowler's two goals?
- 24 Which former Red did he nutrined before accesing with a shot brined at 78mph against Aston Villa at Antield in March 1995?
- 25 Robble scored his last two uverpool goals in a 4-0 Anfield win



over Sheffield United which South American made his debut for the Reds in the same game?

26 in what season did Fowler first wear the no9 shirt for Liverpool?

27 And in turn who took Robbie's no23 shirt that same season?

Which two managers handed him his debuts for club and country?

29 Fowler scored just once against Liverpool for which leam?

What were the names of the first two racehorses that he and Steve McManaman co-owned?

31 How many times did Fowler win the PFA young player of the year award: once, twice or three times?

32 Robbie played a handful of games for Blackburn in late 2008 before heading Down Under who was Rovers boss at the time?

33. Who was in goal for Manichester United at Anfield in March 2001 when Fowler scored the first of his six goals against the Red Devils?

34 Name the two Australian sides for whom he appeared in 2009 and 2010 respectively





35 Which journalist co-wrote Fowler's autobiography of 2006?

36 What's Robble's middle name?

37 When Fowler tamously protested agenst in penalty decision in his favour at Arsenal in March 1997 who scored from the rebound when Robbie missed the resultant spot-lock?

What's the first name of Robbie's boxing cousin, a 2014 Commonwealth Games middleweight gold medallist?

35 How many goals did Fowler score for England?

40 Curveball question: Robble was invited to feed which exotic beasts in an ambassadorial role for the club in February?







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In the 1960s striker Roger Hunt and goalkeeper Tommy Lawrence became keen golfers and word of their extracurricular activity inevitably get back to the Anfield hierarchy. Outraged Shankly phoned their local golf club and demanded: "Have you got my boys there?" The duo had appeal off the secretary who tried to bluff the Rads boss. But he saw right through It and his message to "tell them to go home" was duly passed on

Although against the sport, it was Shanks who helped luel defender Tommy Smith's enthusiasm for golf when the team were staying in a hotel with an adjacent par-three course. To alleviate the boredom the players were allowed to enjoy a round, and when Sharkty saw Smith hit a decent shot he declared him "a natural

Smith and team-mates includion



St John then visited the Granne Park course in St Helena. The Anfield iron' as Smith was popularly known recorded double-figure scores on each of the first three holes and his patience was running out until he struck a holean-one on the fourth. That achievement wasn't enough to sustain his interest. but Stuchn continued to play and later became a regular in pro-arm events.

On one of those occasions, uast onor to the Scottish Open at Gleneagles, the Saint finished a round with an eagle while Nick Faldo had to settle for a birdle. At Turnberry in a BBC celebrity competition he was paired with actor Sear Connery and inflicted a surprise defeat on major-winning due use Trewno and Sandy Lyle

The anti-goll stance in the Liverpool manager's office continued when Pastey succeed Shankly in 1974 and didn't like members of his squad anywhere near bunkers or lainways. uah-back Alan Kennedy recalled. "Golf made players walk miles and you might pull a muscle swinging the club. Bob wasn't happy if players organised golf days for testimonials. He could cope with the drinking, but not got!"

Despite this, Passley signed a very keen poller in May 1977 in fact at one point Alan Hansen's sporting

"Golf made players walk miles and Bob feit you could pull a Hanson, Heal, Callaghan

arribitions had revolved more around the golf ball than the tootball. He's since confessed: "I've always been a realist and knew that id have a better career playing tootball than golf, even though apif's my first love

That preference is understandable when you realise Hansen's lamily home in Sauchie was situated just 100 yards from Clackmannanshire Golf Club. As a vounceter he was a reserve for the Scottish Boys got learn in a match against England Even when he became a professional footballer with Partick Thistle he couldn't stay away from the course, once playing in a golf competition on a Saturday morning before lining up for the Jags later

Hansen's gotting knowledge has seen him present TV show The Mapic of the Masters when he interviewed Save Ballestores and Jack Nicklaus It's no surprise that he resides near Hillside Golf Club in Southport where neighbour and close friend Kenny

Daiglish is his regular playing partner Former LFC defender Gary Gillespie is a requiar at the nearby Southport & Ainsdale course and admits. "Kenny and Hartsen are really competitive. Ronnie Whelan and Lhave taken them on a lew times and they are very difficult to best. Kenny's handicap is quite dubious, though. think he just makes it up. Playing with him can take some time too as he's durie tight when it comes to got balls. If he loses one in the rough he'll spend ages looking for it. But nobody takes as long as Howie Gayle. He's keen to play but sometimes it's taken itim up to six hours to linish 18 holes. Golf is a creat way for all of the former players to keep in touch and still be competitive."





One wonders what Paisley made of playing team-mate Borry Nieuwenhuys in the war years. The South African. pined averpool in 1933 and went on to score 79 poals in 257 outings. Along with his inotical commitments he was also a coach at West Derby Golf Club to 1945 he even it shad back from the LFC summer tour of America to enter the British Open and missed the out by just two shots. The same summer saw him compete in the Irish Open where he linished amongst the moneywinners. When he retired from football two years later he returned to his homeland to work as assistant coach show yddiod teerp pridlog of

Julian Dicks, left-back with Liverpool in the 1990s, didh reach the level of Nieuwenhuvs but he did attempt to become a professional golfer 1'd been playing since I first injured my knee when (was 22) the doctor had told me that all the walking would be poor for it," he once explained "By the time (was 27 was playing off scratch (handican of zero or below) and had the same coach as Colin Montenesses Leven shot a rounte of holes-in-one which can be an expensive habit when you've playing with 20 other people and have to buy them all a drink (as tradition dictates).

Golf's meant to be a gentleman's sport, but it fended to lose my rag when tilbuffed a shot, landed up smashing loads of my clubs. That's me though

Nike to do things properly and I can get hustrated it brings aren't working out. Anyway my knee eventually ended that career as well. It started swelling up so much I couldn't play more than mine or tan holes

The life of a footballer may have changed considerably since the days of Nieuwenhuys. St. John and Hansen, yet the sight of players spending their free time on the golf course has remained a constent. During his eight

"I tended to lose my rag when I fluffed a shot and smashed my clubs"

years on Merelyvide, contral defender Daniel Agger Was regulerly rated as the best player at the club by his team-metes. Ex-Reds very Spearing, Stephen Dably and Martin Kelly still meet up to play is round when their schedulers allow it. Slopper Steven Genrard's interest in the sport has seen ris; charriey foundation host golf days and he's even laten some ble on the game from Ryder Cup-winning ceptan Paul McGanley. And of course Carig Belliamy infanously demonstrated his swing after scoring against Bencelona in the Nou Carno in 2007.

So why are footballers tasonated with the sport? St John rackons he understands the attraction. "The beauty of golf for various sportsmen. who have operated at the highest level in fast tempo contact sports is that they can play with a fine competitive adde note down to the last of their physical resources," he reasons. "Golf doesn't have madic, it doesn't, as some people say, heal the mind. You cannol forget everything when you walk on to a golf course your womes. don't go away but you can put them. on one side for a few hours. You can market and all and bear row at eart, bid tent no viertine

An ageing footballer cannot say i played Hampden. San Siro or Anfaldthe other day and did rather well. But when he takes up golf he can say he played St. Andrew or Wentworth or Tumberry or Cernoustie."

Rory's gaffe

When Roy Molliny won the Smitish Open at Royal Liverpool in Hoylare sat summer he clearly lorgot where he was white making his victory speech. "I'd just like to say that, disspliome being a Marchester Jinder fart..." he started before some good-natural booing from the crowd. He want on to say that the support from the Merseyside public had been meal.

Rory's compatriot Darren Clarke is a Liverpool fan, desprie his father lavouring the chy's other team. "My dad was a Blue and it often happens that way. They are my team, "Ill support them through thick and thin."



The Golf Coast

From Fairhaven just north of Blackpool down to Heswall on the west coast of the Wirral Peninsula, some 40 miles as the crow flies, are some of the best golf courses anywhere in the world - and right in the middle is Liverpool, Welcome to England's North West, also known as the Golf Coast, where in the last three years the world's best players have teed up for the Open Championship at Royal Lytham & St Annes (founded) in 1986) and Royal Liverpool in Hoylake (even earlier in 1869)

It was at Lythem's 168h hole that the late great Seve Ballesteros played a remarkable recovery shot on the way to winning his first Open Championship in 1979. It held a special place in his heart ever after



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PADDY POWER

At 22 years old Patrik Berger came to Anfield amid the first big wave of overseas players on Premier League shores. In this new book extract he tells Simon Hughes how he'd grown from boy to man

atrik Berger is the kind of man that women stalls. There he is stricting purposefully through the hotel foyer all, ofive-skinned, cropped dark hear generally very bandsome.

He could west a bin bag and still scrub by, my mother once told me. That was before she moved practicably, and somewhat dissponitingly on to use Mourario. The day Berger is eporting a pair of Shelt separated and a set of multi-coloured beads around his riff wise. He warm eyes educile incliness and an understanded strength. He has manful grifty stubble dotted scross a chapital garty stubble obted scross a chapital gaw. Benesith there are the shoulders of a Tatan It is exhausting just walching him.

Not much has changed. Aged torly Bergar remains the drop-clead gorgeous pin-up boy limit the wall poster. The familie bus staff granitate in his director from all select. We have orbit. Even though he is initially accompanied by his extraordinarily attractive bioincle wife, Janoslavai, it (bles not stop) them gazing.

I decide to tell Berger the information about my mother immediately. In the manner of Roger Moore, his nohi evebegins an involuntary engular rise as I splutter out the slightly embarrassing tale. His sich reflects that of a gentleman who has heard this story many times. His response is perfectly inciderent. His fluency in English also makes my meditude in foreign languages feel quite shameful. Well, he begins with the litch of a hand. "It a fot of women titred me. What can I say? Power is an aphrodisac, if you play for Everpoot and you are young, you will get the ettention, especially if you go to lown for a few drinks, for shooping or to dinner And I do not think there

is anything wrong with that, if you are young, free and single - so what?"

Berger's arrival al Liverpool in late summer 1996 acted as confirmation that a footballer with a head shorn like a billiard ball was yesterday's news There had been Jamio Redknapp and Jason McAteer before him but Berger was districtive. Who was this talented and mysterious Eastern European with a rawny complexion that belied his heritage? Months before, Berger had scored a goal against Germany at Wembley in the linat of Euro 96 only to later finish on the losing side. He was 22 years old: a Bundestoa. winner with Borussia Dortmund: a. person for whom career possibilities. beemed endless. Over the next saven

"If women liked me, what can I say? You're young and playing for Liverpool"



seasons in aimost two hundred games he would score 35 goals for Liverpool the majority amining wan his cannon of a fell bool. After scoring twice in his second game to Liverpool. Laleaster City's goals-seper Kasey Keller said he'd hever seen a ball inves so last in his Mis Staven Gernard after claimed Berger's shooting was some of the compact for the most ferocous he of every seen.

Yet Berger owed his emergence to something that was completely beyond his control. He was 15 years old when, in 1899, communism collapsed in the old Coschoslovalus. He considers it fortunate that he was altorided opportunities that were not base for previous generativus generativus.

"The world operated up," he explains, with a brooding gaze that surely could mare first." The future was exociting. I knew I was kwing in a time country, a place where was able to make choices. I was part of the first wave able to have fun. Perinaps that made me seem more rebolicus. But surely it's a natural reaction for a person used to penn to lid what to do.

Berget was born in 1973 and raised in Institut 8 of the Czechostovalkan capital, Prague 8 was a standardzek existence He lived in a fraitureless apartment block Most people had serillar furniture, clothes and aspirators. Like other tamilies, the Bergers were consigned to a waiting list for a Trabarit our There was limited access to musc and goods from abroad, in school, Binger was taught that the Soviets had sayed his couring, jobs and heighthose versi provided. But only 8 yes accopted the system

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, the government's emphases on obedience, conformity and the preservation of line status quo was often challenged by individuals and organised groups seeking greater.



autonomy. Although only a lew of their activities would have been deemed political by Western standards, the state viewed any independent action. no matter how innocuous, as defiance of the party's control over all aspects. of Czechosłovak life. Those who did. not comply were not only intimidated and put under surveillance but also subject to house searches, during which the secret police invaded citizens privacy while searching for illegal literature. Orlbes abounded, the presence of fistening devices in homes prevented open speech, there were long lines at the shops, people were imprisoned for filing complaints or signing petitions. If a citizen defected. the lamily left behind was severely punished. Any person that met with a dissident was interrogated

Despite the harsh relities, Barger does not look back on his childhood as a struggle. "When you are young, you do not understand what it really reach to her a community conscious of anything different," he says. "My parents their to protect me so didn't see the bad stuff had friends, we played out on the street. I had everything needed, I remember only

"Growing up in a communist state did not feel different - I was happy"



a happy fine. My parents gave me the very best they could give Whad holidays but only in Czechoslovakia. Some families went to Budgans or Polend states that other Europeans did not want to wait. We did not have much choice. But we still had holidays, did not lorow of a different way. Maybe that was comforting.

Berger wondered why he was not able to trevel extensively, why he was not able to teem any loneign language other than Russian and, indeed, why he was only able to hear whispers about the achievements of lootball. 2001 FA Deji winner

learns from other countries but never watch them on state television. At the time, though, this all seemed normal his father would return home each day from his nine-to-five stiff sea tiony driver for the local brewery. Prazan, while his mother worked hard teaching mirens at a nearby primary school.

"When people ask me what it was like growing up behind the Iron Courtain, most expect to hear stories about bread quaues and the police raiding homes. They are usually disappointed when explain the mundane daily routine.

"I COULD'VE PASSED BUT THOUGHT: LET'S GO FOR IT"

to his goalscoring home debut for the Reds. For the One Moment in Time segment on #LFCWORLD he recalled his two goals against Chelsea in a 5-1 win at Antield on Saturday 21 September 1996. "For my first goal Dominic Matteo won a challenge and was running at the defenders and managed to touch the ball with his loe to me. I saw Robble [Fowler] on the righthand side and could've passed to him, but thought let's go lor it. scored with the right foot. "For my second goal Macca (Steve McManaman) won the ball, passed it to me, and I was again one-on-

one with the keeper. This time I decided to shoot from the edge of the box. It will stay in my memory forever. My wife was there and my little boxy and I couldn't think about anything better than scoring two goals on my home debut."

LFCTV recently took Paddy back



"Players weren't allowed to move abroad till they were 33"

Berger appreciates that older members of his family would speak fess positively about the era than he does. having dealt with the privations for much longer. The thing was, pretty much everybody had the same. There was not really a gap between rich poople and poor people. The tamilias were equal. Was happy. We were not on the fable every day if was ordinary trampot complain, also appreciate that my params might think differently because they had lived under tough conditions for their entire actual tide.

His mother and father were children when, in the 1950s, Joseph Statin directed the Czechoslovak communists to carry out purges and the nation held the largest show that's in Eastern Europe. Over a five-year period, from 1949 to 954, the victims Included military leaders. Catholics. Jews, democratic politicians, those with wartime connections with the West, as well as high-ranking Communists. It spawned a society based on paranoia. Five years before Berger's birth, an uprising had led to a bnel period when the government of Częchoslovakia, led by Alexander Dubcek wanted to democratise and lessen the stranglehold Moscow had on the nation's alfairs. The Prague Spring ended with a Soviet Invasion. the removal of Dubcek as party leader and an end in reform within Czechoslovakia. It would be enother twenty years before the Czechs had their independence

Berger remembers the euphoris of the velvet Revolution. His remembers. the masses of protesters huddled in Wenceslas Square, demanding change before being brutally dispersed Hundreds were arrested Phousands came back. Within four days, 800,000 people were gathered in Prague's city centre. Remarkably. an anti-government rally was screened on state television. Six months later free elections took place for the first time since 1948. It all happened in a period when Berger's football career was accelerating. He recognises that history could not have unfolded more conveniently

"I grew up thinking that life began and ended in Caschostovalia. Footballers were not allowed to play abroad unless they were 33 years old and had more than 50 international



caps. For that achievement you, were granted the privilege of indiversitient. Yet few top European teams wanted to sign Casech players when their carees were almost over They diend up in countries like Switzerland or Austha, or the German second division. But because there was limited information about football in Germany or England, I did not think of any other place, was not brought up on the segential of Beckenhauer or Dalgieh, so my cheam was to hay in the Casech First League. That was it.

White away lift,

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"We've had a bit of stick for the United connection but it's all good fun"

NATIVE SONS

Academy prospects Cameron Brannagan and Joe Maguiro grew up supporting different Reds

CC bung midfielder C

an we get the photos done quickly before the rest of the lads come along,

young midfielder Cemeron Brannagan half-asia, half-jokes as he poses in a a condicir at the Academy Too late. Within seconds, some of his seammates arive. John seeing the 18-yearold in front of the camera they break into huge grins as the good-natured banter begins. "Smile for the camera?" Jordan Jassey jokes

Full-back Joe Magure, 16, is stood nearby wating for his turn to be photographed He has a look upon his face that says he knows he'll be on the raceiving end in a matter of second and so it proves. Neither player minds too much in fact they seem to relish the monant!

The lokes and having a laugh with each other are all part of a good learn spirit," says Cameron, then Joe adds "You need that lively atmosphere around the place. If the dressing-room is loo quiet that's neere a good sign you much prefer a situation where it is bout and for everybody to be completely involved."

Au has Nubchester lade playing for LFC you probably get some attention from the real of the squad?

CB: Definitely [Winger Ryan Kent classes himself as being from Manchester too, but has a actually from Oldrham which is very different. So it's just upe and me. We get a bit of stock but we're welf used to it by now

JM; We take it and dish it out, just like everyone else. The Irish lads, Daniel Cleary and Alex O'Hanlon, are nearly always involved. They love having a joke

CB: That [banter] is a big part of tootball dressing-rooms, You want to take part in it.

JM: Yeah, normally if a new player comes in he gets a few weeks to settle and then they't start joining in the joking. It makes people feet comfortable and helps to developteam sont.

Tell us how you ended up at Liverpool FC?

JMI: Like a lot of kids, I started kicking a ball around outside my house. There was a team based across the



brannagan & maguire

road called Swirton Boys and I joined in with them. Hoved it and camed on playing from there. One day a Liverpool sooul was walching a game on a different pitch when he stopped to look at our match for a law minutes. He saw me playing and asted if I know to come to uverpool to have a look around. I'd done some training with Manchister Cally but as soon as I came here that was it, My mind was made up. I lipined the Under-9s and have been here since.

CB: When I was about the years old I loomed my local learn. Carlishead I I made financis there and really employed it. We won a few competitors and I good player of the tournament awards. A lew cutds wanted to sign malup. I went to Manchaste Unido but didn't employ if there. Then't barne here and loved it straightfavely. I seemed to this indid found the colories really good. As and the choice is simple you want to be where you enjoy your football.

Where do your family's footballing allegiances lie?

CB: Man United. When I play against them now it gives me extra motivation. I want to win every game, but I really want to beat them because, whow one or two of their players and like to get the better of them.

JM: (Isughs) It was united in my house too. We get a lot of banker about that here. My family don't worry too much about who play for once they know "m enjoying my football.

"There are only four of us left from when I joined - that's how hard it is"





After being here at the LFC Academy for so long you must have seen a lot of players come and go?

JM: first pined at under 9 evet and you just assume that you'll all make it. But then as you get older you it motivates you to work faceful because you want to do all you can to stay here and lay to get in to the first team.

CB: There are only four of the fiwho are still here; from the first year when signed: me, Comor Randall, Jose and Ryan Futton. I suppose that when you look all it like that, you, get an idea of just how tough it is to make it. That's the way at all every club. You have to deal with it and make sure you stay focused and do your job property.

Player out of you two?

CB: We without a doubt

JM: He's a better midfielder but I'm a better all-round player. He hasn't got my pace. How has your game developed as you've progressed from the U18s to the U21s in the last few years?

JMI If I had to pick one thing would say my heading has certainly improved. There have been days when I vis fell it's the only thing I've done in training: But it works it comes from Alex Inglethorps. He demands a lot and that's what I want.

CBalthank Alex (Inglethorpe) has heliped me massively too. He always has me working on my heading and weaker toot or other areas. As a learn think he has made us ell improve. We press the opposition very well as a unit and get the ball back quite quickly. If we can die that, it's easier to then play our ratifical game.

Do you think you've developed tactically?

CB: Definitely Sonnetimes that side of the game goes unnoticed by people watching, it can be as simple as how you close down a centre-back, instead of running straight towards him it'll carve my run, forcing him to go on to





"When you train at Melwood you realise how good the players really are"

The most important thing you gained from working with the first team...

JM: There are lots of things. Brandari Rodgers spoke to me about personality. He said it's not just about being there you have to make an impact. He wants me to show more aggression and get in the faces of the players I come up against.

CB: The amount of extra training the players do really stood out for me Guys like Jordan Henderson or Philippe Coutinho always stay behind to work on free-focies, corners, longrange shooting and other areas of their game. You can see that pays off in matches, it's not about just doing a session with the squad and going straight home. You have to do more.

What are your aims for the interest

CB: I'm hoping to go out on loan. J21s is a good level but insect to play against men. That's tougher because you have players fighting for promotion or relegation, crowds shouting at you and a manager making demands. I've spoke to Alex "Inglethorpe" about it. The experience will help me kick on-JM; I'm the same. The time comes when you need to win the trust of a manager and show you can be part of a team. Going into another dressingroom is a big test too. We've both been here for a long time so going. somewhere else for a few months. would be good for us.

his weaker side. Quite often they's then just hool the ball away and we regain possession. If you watch the first team they are masters at really pressing teams.

JMI They're also capable of using a number of formations, so if you are while to fill in to different roles that is a big advantage. Playing to the JEFA Under 19s tournament this season was great for us because we laced teams such as Real Madrid, Ludocorets Basel and Benilca. They all had their own styles and playing against such a variety of formations makes you a belter player

CBz Going out against Benfica was a big disappointment. thought we were the better side but it didn't happen on the day. I want to win every competition we enter. That's not always going to happen though so we have to deal with it and move on.

What's the best part of being a footballer?

JM: Coming to training every day You can never get bored of playing football CBs Everything, I've loved football ever since I was a loci. Now it's great to

come in here to train and play games. There are no downsides to being a footballer JMb I can't think of any either, it's a great job.

How big is the jump from the Mala a to the Iliral Isam?

CB: It's massive. You see those players on TV but when you go to Melwood to train you realise just how good they actually are JM: Within seconds of being on the pilch there you can see the level they are al. It's a much, much higher standard than the U21s.

CB: The first time you train with them you are nervous but the players are very welcoming and helpful, especially guys like Steven Gerrard. Kolo Toure and Lucas.

JM: Once you settle and get a few touches of the ball you start to enjoy it and try to make an impression CB: You have to play your natural game. There is no point in being artimidated. Those guys are in our way We want to get to where they are so we have to make our mark



Modern footballers have to live with the media, and vice versa Didi



recently went to intervew Xabi Alonso and it was a great expenence. As uverpool tans know, he is a gentleman and always willing to give up his time for such commitments. He hever once looked at his watch or suggested we needed to wrap things up soon. Instead he chatted away and answered each question in depth. It was the first occasion I've done such a job and I couldn't have asked for a

Unfortunately not every player approaches that side of lootball in the same way as Xabi. Deadlines in the media now mean players will agree to interviews two or three weeks in advance. Then if the team loses or they play badly they'll drop out or come up with an excuse. Personally I don't think that's night, if you make a commitment then you should stick to it.

Players who moun about doing interviews are the same minority who will portoleln about signing autographs. offen found though that a few years later those lads were looking. around in the hope that someone would recognise them.

The media is a massive part of football now, but I still think players in England gel away lightly compared to the amount of press commitments those in the Sundesliga have to fulfill I suppose it's human nature that some people enjoy that side of the job and others don't Jens Jeremies is a pood friend of mine and we played together a lot for the German national side. think he got nearly 60 caps and won the Bundesiga and Champions League. Yet he was very reluctant to do any interviews. We used to joke that he broke out in a rash whenever he saw a TV camera. He kist wasn't comfortable in that situation. But if he ever did have to do something he was

"The media is a huge part of football and players must deal with it"



Xabi Aloroo is a model **Breitestidenii** ded a droom interviewe

always professional about it. Nowadays lads at the academies are given media training. In one way that's sensible because you don't want them saving something sity that will upset team-mates or the lans. On the other side though you want them to have their own personality and form opinions for themselves, rather than just following the party line. You don't went to produce robots that all think the same way. Instead you need to bring through youngsters who aren't afraid to express themselves. It's a balancing act and not easy for dubs to get right.

Another area of the media young players need to learn about if they are going to progress in the game is criticism from the media. Professional footballers performances will always. be analysed in the papers and on TV

played with guys who would come in to the training ground on a Monday morning, flick through the newspapers and be outraged by What it said about how they had played. They'd question the credentials of the journalist or former player making the comments But then the same guys often ended up working as columnists or pundits. s/Ler they'd retired

Reading or hearing criticism of my own performance particularly if it was justified. Never really bothered the, account take it. But if you can't then the simple solution is to stay away from all forms of media. That might be impossible to do when you have rolling news channels and the internet but d's terti priiritemoa blova oli yaw ying enti suby leagu like

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"ROBIN HOOD HAD NOTHING ON LEICESTER BUT THE LAW MUST TAKE ITS COURSE"

Next in the series of abstacting half, and certain since Liverpool FC first won the FA Curing Quarter final against Leicester City.

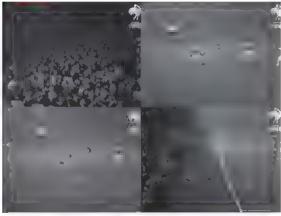
guide recep of the story so far First was a third-round win at West Brom in which captain. Ron Yeats rad conceded a penalty or picking up the ball in the penalty area if turned out the whistle had been sounded from the crowd Next came of us against the Football useque a basement boys Stockport Countly which needed a replay after userspool had been held at home while Bill Shankhy was away on a socuting assignment. Then came fact drained as

Bottom in round five as Ian Callaghan scored the only goal of the game to sand the Reds into the last eight

The next installment in Liverpool's quest for a first FA Cup took them to Leicester City for a quarter-final tie on Saturday 6 March 1965

Bit Shankly's side could have been longiven for feeling wany. two years earlier they had met the Forkes at the sem-hinal stage and gone out. Locaster inspired by the goalheeping of Gordon Banks, had edged them out 10 thanks to a Mike Shringtellow effort. In his autobiography Banksy the





something going for him for sure, but to my mind what makes a great goalled on to make. This was very much the case with Banksy, and later Ray Clemence too."

Shankly was happy enough to take Lecester back to Artheld to a replay just lour days later and Liverpool Echo reporter Horace Yates was confident the Racks would reach the semi-finals Robbin Hood and his Merry Men had nothing on [Liscester remager] Mart Gallies and his unlosser City polunderers, with their unsahamed locitibal bendirty over the last times seasons. But all in good time the law must take its course. If investible not the day of mekoning could be at hand next Medinesday at Artheld

Thousands of fans missed out on the replay with gates closed 45 minutes before idde-off in the scramble to see if unerpool could lay their Leicester bogey. The same 22 players took to the field under the fights and the plage was set for a night to remember.

have been decided on a couple of moments in the second period.

Ten minutes after the break. Tommy Lawrence's momentum saw the sweeper-keeper live up to this l'Plying Pig nichranne sa he came charging out of his area. Lecester's outside-left Stringfellow could have swept the ball Lowerfa the ampty goel or squared to fellow winger Bâly Hodgson and Liverpool would vive been behind instead he did neither hastily stabbing an intended pass behind Hodgson Lawrence was able to regain possession and whack the ball clear

The Reds chance to win It came when the outstanding Gordon Milne was through on goal bul was thwarted by another line piece of goalkeeping. from Banks, who underlined why he was Erroland's first choice. He'd earlier made a breathtaking stop to deny lan Callaghan as Tommy Smith recalled in his book The Antield Iron: "All one point a shot from lan Callaghan took a wicked deflection off the back of Leicester defender Richie Norman. Having flung himself to his right to save Cally's effort. Banksy suddenly twisted and changed direction in mid-air to palm away the deflection to his left.

"Many people are of the mind that # a goalkeeper makes a string of good saves he is a quality keeper. He's got

"We've avoided a fixture tangle - we have a chance to win it now"



"Cally's shot was deflected but Banks twisted in mid-air to save it"

Once again the Foxes frustrated Liverpool and their resilience called on all the Reds' powers of perseverance The visitors could barely get out of their own penalty area during the opening 20 minutes but a combination of doughty defending and Banks britisance somehow saw the deadlock remain unbroken. Supporters could have been forgiven for wondering whether uverpool and the FA Cup were just not to be.

But if there was one man capable of producing a goal when one was needed a was Roper Hunt.

There were 18 minutes remaining



The great Gertico Rents

when 'Sir Roger popped up with one of the most important strikes of the sesson. He had already hit the back of the net 31 times during that 1954/65 campaign when Ohris Lawler's free lock found the head of Yests. The slopper deliberately cushioned the ball into the path of Hunt who hooked 4. beyond Banks. His sweetly-struck low shot carned such force it thudded back off the stanction and back out all the net. Antield erupted

Leicester hart producert two dangerous moments in the opening half with Lawrence making an acrobatic save to keep out Stringfellow. But over the three hours of football it was the Reds who had done most of the attacking and a jubilant Anfield watched the home learn see the game and to the delight of Shankly

It was a tremendous bettle," he said afterwards. If thought the team played magnificently to a risan. A win has avoided the possibillies of a difficult fedure langle with the [European Cup] game arranged for next Wednesday against Cologna. Now we have a oreat chance to win the FA Cup but there are three other very good sides. left in it (Leeds United Manchester United and Chelseal. This could be

Jygmoni now had an eighth same final to look forward to. The lina hurdle on the road to Wembley would take them to Villa Park and a date with

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the best semi-linal round for ages." Tommy Docherty's Chelsea.





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See the show

At the start of May look out for an extra-special show on LFCTV commemorating the 50th anniversary about the first FA Cup win. Producer Mark Platt, who wrote the best-selling book Cup Kings; Liverpool 1965, invited members of the triumpisant team to a screening of the game at the Woolton Picture House in the south of the city. Turn to page 91. for the inside story from this must-see show



BACK ONTHE BALL

How the mighty Reds have rediscovered their mojo, as told by Adam Lallana to Simon Hughes

he cuts and bruises on Adem Lattena's legs reflect the battle of a long, flard season The fire in his eyes reviews whet he wants to achitiwe

reveas what he wants to achieve before it is over

He contesses there is only a relative satisfaction to helping Liverpool rise from the darkness and into the light callane recognises Everpool's campaign can easily be splif into two categories: before and after a 3-1 defect of crystal Palison in Novamber before being a period which he admits fall way below expectations then after that loo bad

In spite of the shadow and the pain if could transprint to be successful depending on league and cup results or April and May

"At the beginning we just couldn't find a performance." Latters says. "We

were scraping was when we were getting them. We just weren't playing well. The confidence wasn't there and without that, it's althost impossible

There was a combination of factors, the squirt being made up of different players, players, players, players, promissing from act season. There was always going to be a title bit of a harrigover i supplose, off the back of so that rear

He now sees that Palace game as a watershed. If was a low moment



arting career." The concedes: "We struggled to string passes together. If was a really really bad day. Innow other players have said the same timing as well as the manager. But when we lister! wont to Selfruns! Park in the FA Cup jand won 2. "Alan Pardwis said we were the best team he'd laped this season either with Newcastle or Palace." Under Neil Warmock, we must have been the worst to go thore and that was just a few months earlier. It shows you how far we've come: "

In the inquests that followed the nation in South London. Liverpool's manager hatched a plan. Brendan Rodgers instigated a formational adjustment from 42-3.1 to a hybrid of 3-4-3 and 3-4-2.1 The switch has since unlocked the potential of Liverpool's most polent attacking players while giving extra security at the back reawing them less

"Everyone helped each other through it - we all did our bit to improve"

susceptible to counter-attacks. The move also injected additional height and robustness when defending set pieces and it is an area where twerpool have tooked much less vulnerable.

Lallana believes his manager deserves most of the bredit for unerpoof is resurgence. After Palace, unerpoof were closer to the relegation zone than the top four. It got worse

before it got better with a 3-0 dielega at Manchester United in December opening up a 10-point gap between the clubs. When this article went to point at the end of Manch _unepool attribution in the Perinter League s standings despite the latter's win at Arrifield.

"If has turned around because of the system. Latiana says." You look at Philippe (Coullinho) the always known his sia wonderful player. But since Christinas time his performances have gone to the next seed thank the role the manager has found for him suits him down to the ground. With three at the back you're getting Ermet Carr in the fearm. He's a salk has been absolutely brilliamt for Salkho has been absolutely brilliamt for

us too. And Skerts (Martin Stotel) has prognised well in the middle. We rereally comfortable with the shape. The wing-backs have chipped in with some important goals, as have the midfielders. Then uplront the relationship has developed well and its only going to get better, it's been really enjoyable to play in and for that you have to give credit to the manager

Laliana believes Coutinho has the talent to become one of the great modern footballers. What spectators see the spectacular match winning goals like those against Southampton and Manchester Cdy are only glimpses of his ability. Y tove Philippe. Laflana grins. There are times in training when you stand there openmouthed. He makes the best players look vulnerable and everyone else look silly. He can do anything. When he's in that mood you don't want to go near him. Honestly that mood. it's scary

"I feel as though can learn stuff off him His natural ability is frightening. Even though hels younger than me, Lipok up to him. He's someone you want to get the ball to as quickly as possible. To be playing with him is absolutely brilliant I think impetting a good relationship with him the same as Sturndge and Sterling.

Few English players are able to move their lest as quickly as Lallana. who like Coutinho, can twist himself put of situations that seem impossible when surrounded by bigger more powerful opponents. Since Rodgers tactical shift he has displayed. versabity playing in both wing-back positions as well as highly and left insideforward, where his partner is usually the Brazilian no10

"I've had a stop-start season because of injunes. But I've played my fair share. really feel now that I've settled into the club: want to get myself on the score-sheat a bit more and I think that's coming. I'm expressing myself on the pitch now though It makes it easier to do that when you're winning games. Earlier in the season we weren't playing well. There was massive pressure on us to perform. and people were talking about the signings not stepping up to the plate. You don't want to give the excuse that you need a bd of time but the reality is, when so many players come tri within a few weeks of each other bhat's what it bakes

Everyone has helped each other through it. Back then it wasn't a true reflection of our abilities, both as a team and as individuals. You look at the way we're playing now and there have been some big performances. I think all of the new signings are doing their bit to help.

Lallana stresses that white results are emportant, the most important thing for Everpool in the medium to long.

term is that the team has developed a "unique identity" in 1955. Willy Meist an Austrian football writer based in London, published his book \$000gr Revolution, in which he argued the future of tootball tay with detenders. who could attack attackers who could defend and amid a formation in which players switched positions constantly uverbool are not guite operating with such breathlessness just yet though callans believes the hunger in the squad can take this team further than even the most ocumistic **OLITSIDE** EXDECTS

In England there's always been a bit of an obsession about railing down a position. Lallana says. "Nyou're versatile it's always said that there's someone else better than you. I think

"We've got a young squad that has learnt a great deal this seasor

the manager here has proven that it's not the case. Football has changed and continues to change. You have to be adaptable. You look at all the teams that are considered the best in the world right now - Bayere Munich, Real Madrid, Barpelona and Atlético Madrid. as well as the German and Spanish national sides - they all have players who can move about Tactically they're very very good. That's where we want to be all their level buildoing if our way. At the moment there's no team in England playing the type of football that we are

Laliana continues. "We ve got willing workers in the squad. When you've got willing workers who've also got balent, you can go as lar as you want to. We know that we've been playing well for a few months now. But it's not enough. We need to be consistent throughout the season, especially if we want to win silverware in the future. The good thing is we've got a young squad that feel has learnt a great deal from the bad times early in the season. We're really close When things need to get said, they get said. Then we move on That bodes well for the future





When it was announced that Steven Gerrard would depart the club this summer it was suggested widely that he leaves a dressing-room lacking in leaders "It's ead that Stevie's going. Laliena says. "We learn from him every day. What a player he is, it's an honour to play with him. But in his absence (through injury) others have stepped forward. We've got leaders There's Jordan [Henderson] who's led the team brilliantly. Behind him. there are other characters. [Mamadou] Sakho was the youngest captain of PSG in their history. We've got Ernre [Can].who's emerging as a key player Their there's Kolo, Skerts, Joe Allen and Lucas. I'd put myself in that group too because I'm 26 and was club captain of Southameton

We re all different from Stevile and we're all different from one prodein even though you don't go out of your way to be different. It's something that's myou or it's not. There sen't one way to lead's some can be quiet and ell have good leadon-they belds. taking responsibility. But there is definitely a big group of leaders at the closers or the big group of leaders at the closers or the closers.

So the spirit is there among a squed of balented players is a smillar sign. There is a desire to improve How do Liverpoor turn potential and astacking toothast into mediate and trapphase tampible success? Rodgers spoke artis introductory prises conference as manager in 2012 about making any game at Antifield the "hongest 90 minutes" for visiting teams. Against Marchester City in March, Latlana believed Liverpool ware close to a perfect performance. The 2-1 victory has set a benchmark.

There is not many times where you can enjoy a game because you're so focused and determined to win Any slip in standard and you get punished. But the football we played that day was the best tive been wrothed in with any side.

We want to beal teams by suffecting them: keep the ball. press logether winning possession back by hunting in groups, although the manager gives us the freedom to make decisions There is a factical framework but the manager is happy for us to break from it. If you can sense you can win the ball or run at someone you're encouraged to go with your instinct The idea is, your learnmates then follow You can'i daydraam in this Liverpool team If one of the lads goes for it, you go LOD. It cives you a

confidence and



It spreads around the group, it's quite contagious. When you get that the fains read. They're passionate and they like to see you working hard. When it rubs off them's no better feeling. That's what happered against City.

[That game] left like more than three points, Mentally, it was huge. City obviously, have won the title in two of the last three seasons. For us to play



that way aggressive in attack and resilient in defence, was massive for .s. If we'd lost, people would probably have said that we got back from Bosidas tale and blah blah blah. We didn't want to give anyone the chance to fire it at us and use it as an excuse. it shows you how mentally strong we can be and need to be in the future. That's the level we need to meet. If we do, you never know what might happen, both in this season and next." Latana realises too that if doubt is an uncomfortable condition, certainty is a ndiculous one. "We're not taking arrything for granted," he says, "This is lootball. Take your loot off the pedal. and you tail belynd, especially at this standard. You've got to use the momentum you've got and drive on for as far as you can."

he is differented to help clinich Champions Leegue footbell for Leeppool, and to experience the competition when the team is cohesen. It was disappointing when we played in the group stages this season. I don't think that we had the same identity then that we have now. We didn't have he system and we didn't have half of the confidence. That's why we're desperate to get hade into the top four because we're desperate to give it another shot.

"I think wis" libe in such a better place noot time around. Everyone wants to play in the Champions League. We don't want it to be one sesson in then fixe out fixe last time. We want to be there consistently."





A sturning free-lick remains the most vivid memory of Liverpool's milt frijer, Europe in 1992 - but what



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in attack had managers that were tactically shrewd, ambitious in the transfer market and flamboyant with the media. Success was made possible by the spending of presidents like Silvio Berlusconi (Milan) Massimo Moratti (Inter) and Sergio Cragnotti (Laze) who lavished mind-boggling. amounts of the on exciting players.

From 1975 to 1996, the world transfer-record was broken nine times and on each occasion it involved at least one Ralian club. Yet it wasn't just the most decorated institutions that painted tially's allure. Provincial sides Verona and Napoli had ided the little in the 1980s and gave inspiration to those felt unlikely to achieve much.

Gabnet Batistuta joined Figrentina. David Platt went to Ban and Padova. signed Alexi Lalas of USA 94 fame Every player wanted to perform in Serie A, the best league in the world.

One club with particularly bold aspirations was Genoa. They brought in Czech sinker Tomas Skultrovy as well as Carlos Aguilera from Penarol of Uruguay Together they formed one of the most feared partnerships in Italian Inothall and for one season at least they were the most dangerous.

Liverpool would soon find out why The history of Genoa Cricket and Football Club has been compared to that of Torino, who haver quite recovered from a plane crash in 1949. in which a generation of star players were lost. Genoa had not been beset by such a tragedy, but since winning.

"Genoa were once the biggest club in Italy but had been in decline



nine scudeltos before 1924 they di trod most seasons in the shadows. between Sene A and Serie B

Like Torino, usurped by Juventus as Turn's most decorated dub. Genoa had been surpassed by Sampdona, who claimed the Sene A crown in 1991 In the Twenties, Genoa were the bionest dub in Italy " says John Foot author of Calcid "I would compare them to a Presion, Blackgool, or Huddersfield Town Clubs in England that were traditionally massive but fell on difficult times. They ve been in decline really ever since and 80. years is a long, long decline."

Formed in 1946 offer a merger between two local clubs. Sampdone's ascendacy in the late 1980s was a source of constant mitation for Genoa fans. It was under the quidance of weelthy president Papio Mantovanii that Samodoria appulied Grantucal Valli and Roberto Mancini. After winning the title in 1991 they narrowly jost in the European Cup final a year later egainst Bercelona at Wembley. They also lifted the Italian Cup lour times and the European Cup Winners

Cup in 1989 But once vialli left for Juventus and Mantovani died in 1993. the club went into slow decline.

Genoa fans play on the fact that Sampdona are only half-a-century old and don't have the same kind of history continues Foot. They would say that they're the real city dub and Sampdoria have a hotchpotch of johnny-cum-lately lans. So for Gonoal fans having to live through the period when Sampdoria became champions of Italy and nearly champions of Europe Illist as Genoa's most recent decline started that period was terrible for them."

In season 1991/92 the draw for the quarter-finals of the JEFA Cup paired Genoa with Liverpool, and ahead of March's first leg in northern Italy the Reds stayed in Rapality on the Liquitari coast Asmile stretched across the face of Liverpool boss Graeme Sources when questioned at the pre-match press conference

Osvaldo Bagnoli, his opposite number at Gence, had accused Sources of "cirty tricks" someofing lies about the extent of uverboot's miury crisis to generale complacency in the Italian camp. Mark Walters. Steve McManaman, Ronnie Whelan, Steve Harkness, Mike Marsh and Rob Jones were all struggling for matchfitness, but Sources had allegedly been spinning different years to the Italian and English press corps - a brick Bacmoli said the LFC boss had learnt during his playing days with Sampdoria. "Lam sorry for him a: Scotsman will never be able to pull one over an Italian! Ha spoke for a long time with the Italian journalists. telling a pack of lies about the physical condition of his players. But then he went round the comer and told the English press the apposite. I'm not falling for it."

"werpool had beaten Kuusysi Lahti. Auxeme and Swarowski Tirol to reach the ouarters. If was their first season In European competition following the





"In England we don't get the quality of Aguilera and also Skuhravy"

end of the Heysel ban. Inexperience on foreign fields told and the Rads were fortunate to knock out Automa 3-2 on aggregate, after overhauting a two-goal deficit from the away leg.

Souriess, though believed Genoe were feeth of weepod's European pedigree. "They are scared of us and I want to keep things as socretive acri. Normally, feet the boys snow my fear has bodn as do, but this time. Their I should keep it quiet. I know how deeply the I taliens feet about this game. They will be worrying about what we are going to do. Steve McManaman will play fonight and I know Branco is lightened of him.

Genoe were struggling to sustain form horn the previously year Bagnoli, who dipreviously steered unfashionable vierons to the Sene A fifte in 1985, joined the Alossoftu in the summer of 1991 and promptly qualified his new side for the JEFA Cup by Minshing fourth in the table But Genoa occupied a mid-table position when the unerpool tie carrier around, having lost 30 for Juvertius.

Bagnoli was burdened by his relationship with Genoal's volcariositytempared president Acio Sproelli Despite Genos enguying liher first session in Europe, the coach was beset by injury wors, a slump in form and nows with an unsympathetic modia. He trief to defuse the tension.

It's a unique event but I'm not going to call it the game of our lives. It's not a question of winning at all costs because it would be an honour just to play Liverpoot. But it we get through, the joy would be unimaginable."



nine in line previous.

In the first leg Genoa budclassed Jiverpool. Coalis from Valerisins Florin and the Brazilian Branco with a 35-yard free-leck three minutes just before the florial whistle secured a 2-0-win. Had it not been for Milea Hooper deputising in goat for Brazilian Gerobbestar (instang bocause of Steve Micot, Hay Houghton, Jan Molby and Deen Saunders), this journey home might have been worse for the 1 900 who traveled him Misrays for 1900.

in the roturn log of Artifeld, which looked off at the ourhous time of 7 flopm, the Reds were threated by voteran goalkseper Simone Bragles who according to the Liverpoot Echo was fortunate not to have been penulised for taking more steps than Fred Astaine of goal-lichts and put on a one-man show, delying his opponents with a brilliance which he will surely review repeat.

At the other and hooper was helpless to stop Aguillers scoring twice. Its at later combining with Shurhary their following a three-man move involving Gennter Rush scored for Ware Bortolezzi. Ian Rush scored for Liverpool, but the goal was academic and Genoe won 4-1 on aggregate 'Wa struggied with the movement of Skuthrary and Aguillera,' 'Souness admirted.' "You don't get that kind of qualify in England.

Among Genoa fans the victory at Anfield is still considered the club s greatest in modern times in the semis they played Ajax, losing on penalties and making out on a two-legged final with Toring [the Dutch aids wor the cup on away goals'. But Genoa's exploits in Europe also resulted in a neglected league campaion where they finished one place above the relegation zone. Boss Bagnoli left for Inter Milan and within 18 months Genoa were relegated to Sene B "Bagnofi was a great character" says Foot. The achieved things with smaller clubs similar to Brian Clough at Derby County then Notlingham Forest But he couldn't really do it at big clubs He didn't do so well at Inter

By 1987 othermun Spinelle had sold Genoa, and the club's best players followed him out. Stefano Eranio joined Milan. Carlos Aguilera moved to Torino. While Skulmays signed for Sporting Lisbon. Genoa's greatest success in the realt lary years was considered a 5-2 win over Port Valain the finel of the Annol-Tuban Cub.

"Presidents of father clubs have a tremendous amount of power and Genos were no different. Foot adds They had a good spell in the 90s but have since experienced more downs than ups it means the Liverpool cames take on edds asynificance."

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Reds defender Becky Easton shows she's got educated feet -- blazing a trail on new Master's degree

rverpool Ladies defender Becky Easton a a student of the game in more ways than one Voted supporters player of the year as the Fleds retained their FA Women's Super League title in 2014. Becky is combining her footballing commitments with study for a master's degree in sport directorship. She is also pioneering a pathway

for women with her studies, she is the only female on the new course based at Manchester Metropolitan University's business school

"The course started in September and runs for two years." she explains. "It's like a part-time master's so we only meet up for two full days every six weeks. That is cuite intense because the rest of the time is distance-learning. There are a lot of assignments and work to do away from uni which takes up quite a lot of time, but it's all looking at topics I'm very interested in.

Becky has enjoyed a fine career in the women's game at Liverpool. Everton and Doncaster Rovers Belles. winning three league titles, the FA Cup and League Cup along the way. Her first degree was in podetry (medical

"I think the uni may advertise the course in women's football magazines" care and treatment of the footh and she worked in the NHS for almost 20 years before turning full-time with the Reds last year

"I'm fortunate because I'd always done a bit of studying throughout my NHS career whereas some of the guys on the course have said they hadn't been in a classroom since school so they were finding the research and study difficult.

"I did a bachelor of science at Safford Um back in 1993 and since then Eve done a coupe of health-related master's modules and that does help a lot. When we've had to do a group presentation. I've done the research and referencing as we've tried to divide things up according to per strengths "

The course has been devised by Darren Royle, son al ax-Everton boss Joe, and Tony Fautimer a former youth-team player at Manchester City

They were interested in the role of the football director and went around the world researching it. They out this syllabua together but opened if up to other sports too and called 4 the sport directorship course. They sold the idea. to Manchester Metropolitan University and as we do along they're keen to gain feedback from us as to how they can improve it, because a think they're only going to run it for four years

The aim is to have 25 students each year as they didn't want to flood the market, so their plan is to train ap 100 then linish it."

As for being the only woman on the course. Becky hopes that others will follow her lead. "On the first day I was a bit nervous, but I think that was more just generally about attending the course and not knowing who would be there and what it was about it hasn't been a problem at all all the puys are great, they are very professional and have made me feet welcome. Think this year the unitis hoping to advertise the course to women's groups and women's football magazines, so maybe next year there will be a few more women on it.

Becky's class-mates among the maugural Intaké niclude some well-known names from the world of sport. "There is Ashley Giles who is cocket director and head coach at Lancashire County Cricket Club. Steve Round, who was David Moyes' no? at Everton and Manchester United: Sean O'Driscoll, manager of England Under 19s. and Michael Appleton, the manager of Oxford United

David Parsons who is performance director of the English Cricket Soard. is another who is very interesting, and Paul Trau, who was coach of South Atrica and Kenya in Rugby Savens There are also people from sports business, solicitors and a law agents. A couple IIv over from Dubai and



"In the leadership module we

had great debates as students and tutors"

South Africa to attend the days at uni-So d's a huge commitment

The leadership module was creat because we have people on the course who have been leaders in high-level sports organisations That means we ended up debating: and having a lot of discussions sometimes you can learn as much from the other students as the tutors. Guest lecturers have included a couple of former LFC figures too.

Bucky was the 2014 tans' player of the year

with ex-chief executive Rick Parry and director of football Damier Cornolli among those to address students.

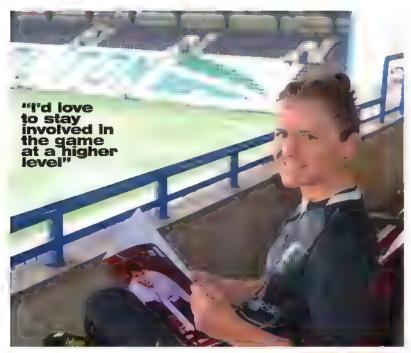
The course involves practical assignments, and Backy recently spent some time at the other Old Trafford

We were split into action-learning groups and I was fortunate enough to have Ashley Giles in mine. He started the course prior to being appointed to the Lancashire lob, but we spent two days at Old Trafford last month doing a diagnostic report. It was really interesting to see the differences between football and cricket

"in football the assets are the players

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whereas in cricket they don't buy or sell them and have a salary cap which has actually just been towered this year. It's the opposite to locitized where the players are very flung, in cricket it's more about the facilities and of itherefail revenue. For all the work that goes with preparing the cricket pitch, it is only used on about 40 of the 365 dars each year.

"At Lancashire the cricket only makes up a fraction of the business



as a lot of the revenue comes from the corporate side of conferencing and concents and so on. They're currently in the process of building a £12 million Hilton hotel to add to that. Hosting Test makines is vital for them

"I find that business side of things really interesting and that's the kind of thing wanted to learn. I know about lootball, coaching and on-pitch aspects, but I didn't really know too much about the off-pitch side.

So where as it all leading for Becky?

I don't really have a particular role in mind and don't have any ambitions to become director of flootisall at unerpool I enrolled on the the course because I'm coming towards the end of my playing career and I still want to be involved in flootisal buf I vinow coaching sin't floring. I'd love to show the single service of the property of the preformance or something level. Its head of performance or something like that.

"I read through the course syllabus. Beed the content of the course and thought it would help me meet new people, gair knowledge and skills and generally help develop me."

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Why midfielder Lucy Staniforth is thrilled to pull on the Liverpool shirt after a long road to recovery

nerpool Ladies mudfielder Lucy Staniforth was delighted to see red last month. The 22-year-old has been platyaged by muny problems since being stretchend off in the FA Women's Cup lineal of 2019 while playing for Bristol Academy. Soon after signing for uverpool seely in Fabruary 2014. She suffered an anterior cruciate eigenvent injury during pre-session framing.

If has been a long road back but her mental and physical strength was revarded when she came on as a substitute in the Mendily egainst Doncaster Rovers Betles on 14 March

Directises relotes believed in Minimum and Minimum and

"It's been a really difficult year or so end very flustrating. Bet filted if arrived at funerool and Beardy (manager Mett Beard) had said: This is what Lucy can bring to the learn was so excited, but then couldn't show anyone what I was capable of doing. I couldn't help or mout anything into the games."

Johnnig Judy in the treatment comfor most of last season was German winger Nacoe Richser who also suffered an ACL rijum in pre-season. Lucy says: "To be honest I don't know if Louid have done it if Nich hadn't have been nijwerd too. I know that sounds hombile but for me it was a blessing in disquise to have someone going through the same thing and able to do the rehab with me. From the word po just pot my head down

"I got injured before I had a chance to wear the red kit"







"I think Nici knew what I was going through and she definitely helped"

and worked hard. Seeing Nici return to fitness gave me more motivation to push or and to get fit again. The last time moriths of pre-season have gone by so quickly but it's really exciting.

"I think Nice and I bounced off each other really well. She definitely helped me through the hard times and I'd file to think, did the same for her We lorged quite a close bond and we re still really bolint with each other now.

This been really note to have someone who knows exactly what I was going through and what five going through now in terms of getting back playing and warning everydring to happer straightaives she sent me this lovely message the first week of being back in non-contact frainting. No is a very quell person and doesn't really say much, so for her to say that meent a tot to me." woy is now hoping to play her part in helping Lustrpool Ladies enjoy another successful sesson. If just feels files a huge weight has been filled off my shoulders. It is an once to be living what I would deser a normal fibr now lonow will have to take it deep long with the men to take it deep by step, but when you look at the quality in our squad you cannot help but be excited about what the new season may bring.



The buzz

Fara Williams @fara_ williams47

Absolutely made up for @listan3? making her return to the field, has worked so hard over the last 18 months and has shown oreat mental touchness.

Gemma Bonner @ gembon23

V proud of @istan37 tonight, delighted to see her back on the pitch with us after all her hard work & showing unbelievable mental strength

Martha Harris @MarthaH19 Absolutely buzzin 4 my little log getting her first appearance in over a year #absoluteballer

#soproud @istan37 Lucy Staniforth @istan37 Thank you so much for

everyone's messages. It restly means a lot. To be back on the pitch tonight was arreazing. The only way is up from now P.S. Thank you (McMWses7 @ KirstlyHicks88 and especially @MSioliser couldn't have done in without you.

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Every aspiring youngster could learn a lot from Harry Kane



wouldn't be surprised if Harry Karre was voted as footballer of the year Thope he s. This is a striker who on the face of it hes the for he can shoot head, score goals in or outside of the box, he has pece and strength and his work-rate is phenomenal. Technically there doesn't appear to be many question marks.

There has been a lick of hype around he performances and that makes he achievements over more remarkable, he just comise on regardless. He hash been affected all. He servegence is one that all young players should brink about especially those lacks at Liverpool wondering whether it might happen for them, particularly at this time of year.

When you reach the end of a season as a young player, you think a lot about the future. Nothing is guaranteed: Sometimes if feels like you are not going anywhere Sometimes it can even feel like you've made a step bade as

It is increasibly difficult maintaining focus while balancing ambition and proteince. For a long time Kane must surely have had doubts about he chances at Toxichanam a club who'n like Liverpool is able to hocurt players from all over the world. whether that's for the first barn or the academy.

The hardest positions to get a chance at first-team level are centralorward and goalk-epper. Managers will usually go for proven quality in each of those roles because they involve the key responsibilities of scoring goals and keeping them out.

As a teenager you have to have exception at talent to break through it you don't, doesn't mean you can't make it as a footballer a game which shill are sead science. Players develop at different rates. Some are greats at 15 or 17 while others become great when.

"Even if you don't break through as a teenager you can still make it as a player"



they are in their mid-20s. That's just the way of is. If there was more patience.

way die II there was more patience; i'm convinced we'd see all of more English players in the Premier League. As there are not many just now if was a volung playor at the nominal nach hack's established myself for the timit feare at any dubb by the age of 18. I'd be booking for a joan. If you go out and prove that you can score goals or keep clean-pheets it is difficult for the manager to ignore you decause suddenly your name appears in the press and more people are balleng alternit your.

The best footballers are usually the most humble ones. Kane had no qualifies about needing out to Leyton Chestri in Lasgue One before he was 18. A toll of voting players are refluctant to go even that low because of ego or interference from agents who want to get their clients as high up the football pyramid as possible ust us not forget, David Seicharn went for Pesson North-End for a short period when they were in the mid be of English football.

have written before in this column

about the benefit of from moves, what you learn and how if develops you have as a character, Just as much as the player a distude is important, so is the club has going to it might be templing to exampte for exampte for exampte for or player to sign for a 2 Champoniship club instead of a useque One when in reality the atterdub is shetter for the player.

It is important that Liverpool's young players consider this when young players consider this when weighing up their options all the start of ned season a season which may often more first-earn opportunities. Strough the Europa League. While the foous is always Champions League while the foous is always Champions League while the Academy prospects who benefit with more opportunity for first-team action and a chance to do what Karse for earnitie has bright first season.

Nevertheless of a player is bold in his decision, confident and determined, he'll get to where he wants to be Just like Harry Kane. Follow Nell on Tvilter (6/HeliNellor33)

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Toon in town for Monday clash

Anlield stages only one liest team feature during April

The Reds host Newcastle United on 13 April for a spot of Monday right football hoping to gain revenge for a 1-0 deleat at Si James Park bock in November

Since their Asia Pavdew has swapped Newcastle for Crystal Palace and the Magnesi are currently under the temporary management of John Carver who has had there ceretaker spells at the helm his each. The believe in the playurs and staff it have around me. I am confident we can deliver aucling, successful football and relish my role as head coach of this great club.

Liverpool will be airthing for a repeat of last season is result when they defeated Newcostle 21 on the final day of the campaign. Martin Skriet jout through his own goal after 20 minutes but the Reds responded with second-half goals from the Daniels. Aggier and Stumdge to secure the points.

LFC's Premier League schedule for the month locks off with a crucal clash at Arsenel and concludes with a trip to West Bromwich Albion.







BIRTHDAY REDG

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Anniversaries

10 years since Champions League victory over Juventus on 5 April 37 years since the Reds reached the European Cup final with a 3-0 win over Borussia Moenchengladbach or 12 April

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HILLSBOROUGH MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wednesday 15 April will be the 26th anniversary of the Hilisborough disaster that cost 96 Liverpool lans their lives. Once more the Hillsborough Family Support Group will mark the occasion with a Memoral Service at Anfield's stadium to remember those who died that day

The service will commence at 2.45pm prompt with access to the stadium possible from 1cm. A oneminute stence will be observed at 3.05pm and the service will conclude at around 3.45pm with the singing of You'll Never Walk Alone.

Margaret Asomali. Chair of the

Hillsborough Family Support Group, says. "Every day we continue to remember those who lost their lives. During this 26th anniversary service we will turn on a light for each and every life that was oxinguished prematurely and the eternal flame of the Hillsborough Memorial with continue to light our way through the darkest days

"For many 15 April may be a working day and there will be those who are unable to attend. We mvite you to join us in thought and spirit and keep us in your prayers at this

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Capital gains

Youngsters book place in London finals as Foundation coaches complete course



werpoor FC recently hosted its Premier Legique Schools Tournement regional line!
Twently schools from across Mensyside took part in the Under-11s competition at the Academy in Kintoy Reighing champions. Plentation Primary from Hatewood won the opportunity to represent LEC at the national final, at White Hart Lane in May. Academy stars Jordan Rossiter and Marc Petos presented the trophy and uninets-tup medias to Bidston Avenue alongside olub missool Mahith Fed.

Plantation Primary will join Cowley International College, who won the girls under 13s regional final eartier his month. Westvale Primary School from Kirkby also won the Priemier useque Schools Tournament Shield after a close final decided by penables. After the lournament each school received a uverpool PC Foundation goodle bag. Andrea Gooper head of Liverpool FC Foundation, said: "I am delighted for todh schools who have achieved this fantastic opportunity to represent LPC at the national finals in Mar.

"This is a great competition that fits the Foundation's main aim, which is to inspire people from all walks of life to make positive change happen for account from the people of the competition."

Meanwhise two Luerpoof FC Foundation coaches have completed a course delivered by The Johan Cruyff Foundation, also at Tottenham is White Heat Lane, corresting of learnbuilding exercises and techniques for solucating young people who can then work towards making a positive contribution within their community by organisms and running a 696 tournament held on a Cruyff court.
Tony Cosgrove and Eddie.
Sullivan from the Foundation's Kicks.
Programme joined Methlew Williams,
who is based at the Anfield Sports,
and Community Centre (ASCC), and
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PIECES OF EIGHT

An awesome new card collection celebrates Liverpool FC captain Steven Gerrard like never before





o celebrate the glittering carser of one of Liverpool's greatest players supporter Dave Walarns has produced a sense of flustration postcards, highlighting some of the standout moments from Steven Gereat's flustrious playing carser.

Dave, a designer and working in the city of Liverpool, won acclaim for his inventive artivork last season when he produced a postcard chroniding each first team ficture, his series featured in the monthly magazine.

His work proved popular among Reds supporters and now he has produced this special commemorative set to mark the skipper's outstanding contribution to the club.

The special collectors set comes with a stylish black gift box, imprinted with a salver foliad logo on the lid to keep the postcards in postine proofition.

The final set, scheduled for the end of the season, will also feature a nith postcard featuring all of Seven's honous. When arranged in a 3 x 5 formation in order the reverse of the Seven Gerard Collection forms an image of the number eight, in tribute to the capatin's aith' number.







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May. The postcards will be printed on thick 350gsm pard with a matte effect finish and are sized: at 105mm x 145mm (Ali). All prices include postage. Prices: 520 (including UK delivery), £22. (Including European dolivery) 175 (including worldwide dollvery). The set can be ordered from fiverpoolic.com/store.





SHOW US YOUR KOP CARS

Andy Smith was born in uverpoor, in 1964 - the year Bill Shankly's team became First Division champions two years after winning promotion and now lives in Brisbane. Australia. Despite being thousands of miles from home he wetches every LFC game on TV and his house contains an assortment of what he calls 'flede goodles'. Not contend with that, his car also declares his alteglance.

"I believe it's the most photographed car in Brisbane," he laughs.

In the next issue we'll show you the equally impressive set of wheels owned by Chrisanthos Savvides from Cyprus, who is written to tell us: "In my country LFC is more than a football club." Savvides explains. "It is a way of life."

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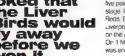


here's a must-see show coming up on JFCTV in May it commemorates the 50th anniversary of the plub's first FA Cup win and brings together some of the stars of Bill Shankly steam for a special screening of the 1965 final. LFCTV producer Mark Platt, who wrote the best-selling book Cup Kings. Everpool 1965, invited members of the side to the screening at the Woolton

Evertonians oked that ne Liver fly away won it

Picture House in the south of the city Among them Chris Lawler ian Callaghan, Roger Hunt, ian St John. Tommy Lawrence. Wiflie Stevensor and Por Yeats, During the course of the production process St. John and Yeats also got to re-enact that famous moment when they brought the trophy home to the city for the first time and held it aloft on the balcony of Liverpool Town Hall.

Strange as it sounds now there was a time when Liverpool struggled to win the FA Cup. Losses in the final of 1914 and 1950 had been accompanied by five painful defeats at the semi-final stage it lied to talk of a jirx on the Reds. Evertomans even joked: When Liverpool win the FA Cup the birds on the Liver Building will fly away? On 1 May 1965 the supposed hoodoo was ended thanks to an extra-time victory over Leeds United at Wembley



"People did the conga out of Lime Street station to celebrate"

This was the day generations of Liverpudians thought they would never see and grown men wept as history was made

The game itself was a hard-fought over with both learns conceiling each other out during a tense battle. Ninety minutes failed to produce a goal-bur three minutes with extra-time Roger Hurif finally broke the deadlock with a stooping header from a cross by the herios Cerry Byme Billy Bernner quickly stenoed the uverpool cheers with a sweetly-struck equalizer bur minutes from time lan St. John memmates from time lan St. John netted with a diving header to bury the hoodoo and clinch the club's long-awaited first FA Cup

In a previous issue of the magazine brothers Bill and Alan Hendry, two unverpool lars born and bred in Amfeld, recalled what it left files at the time. The train journey back home was brilliant," and Bill. "It was packed—the only way you could get a seal was if someone sets fell off thems? People cong at our of Limp Street in celebration and a lot of Liverpool lars went down to the Liver Building to see if the brids had





flown eway "

Alors added: "The next morning we got up early to go into town to see the team with the cup but we couldn't get near the Town Hall. There were thousands of people around." The FA Cup was much more glamorous back then it was the only pophy to win. It's still my lavourite success?

The show Ea Aya-Addio 1965 And All that aus on LFCTV on Friday 1 May 2015 at 8pm Don't muss it









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18 January 2015 Having fun during dinner with the team.



2 January 2015 Sometimes a picture says it all. Respect Steven Gerrard #LFC #YMWA



30 December 2014
Match postported! Really sony for all the fans who travelled to tomir.
See you all in Kedikoy on Saturday.



24 December 2014 I'm very proud to receive the Sportsmanship and Fair Play Award



10 October 2014
Kuyt on the left, Kuyt on the right,
Kuyt upfront and Kuyt at the back,
Good luck guys - put it on!



16 September 2014



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Yes!!! Liverpool is back in the #
Champions League tonight!!!



27 August 2014 #supercup



25 August 2014 #supercup #2014 #yeeeeeeees



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Great memories to corne!!! YNWA

6 July 2014 Yes!



29 June 2014 29th of June the day I never lorget!!!

David Things won't always go our way - but tomorrow is another day PRICE



ontrolling your emotions is a huge part of sport, parkoularly all the top level. In high-pressure situations that's reality difficult. The crowd is screaming, opponents are trying to provoke you and the adrenative is flowing.

I know what it's like to be in the boxing ring and you are so keen to win that you find it difficult to manage yourself and ensure you do exactly what you'd planned:

Aggression is an emotion. It might sound like an advantage to be really aggressive when you are bying to knock somebody out or win a cacke, but their's not always the case. Sometimes you can be too aggressive. My trainer always says you can knock somebody out without a smile upon your face. I think that's great advice.

Basically, what he means is you don't have to be emotionally aggressive if you are doing something physical such as boxing or trying to win a teckie. Usually it's the fighter or player land out of their months. that comes out on top in the end. Unfortunately, even those with great experience can sometimes lose control of themselves.

Steven Gerrard's sending-off against Manchester United in March was an example of that. Stevie immediately knew what he did was wrong and came out and apologised. I'm sure it has taken him a while to get over that red card and the defeat. As a supporter It always takes me a long time to forget about a loss, particularly it it's at the hands of a rival team. The time we lost to United in the last minute of the FA. Cup game in 1999 after leading from near the start still annoys me now. Those games are all or nothing. You either suffer a defeat like that or enjoy a win that stays with your forever.

As a professional sportsment find the feeling after a loss is similar to that of a fan. Nothing can console you. You have to move on. In boding the problem is you have to wait a while for another light to come along, but in football another game is usually around the corner. The learn will come libraryh claser eller the United defeat The chance to make amends is sometiming you have to grab. If Liverpool don't limits in it the top four they will be determined to go all the way in the RA Cup instead. Presionally I visual disay qualifying for the Champions Lepope is a bigger priority but I also think it's important to win a topy. As a football club we need a topy. As a football club we need to be getting some shewware in the cabinet on a regular basis, while the sooner Brendan Rodgers ploks up his first priors of sherware the better it will be for him.

The FA Cup obviously gives us a great chance of success but of course nothing is quaranteed. Blackburn Rovers in the last eight of the tournament is a very difficult ite. As they showed at Antiled they are a physical teem who won't be defeated easily.

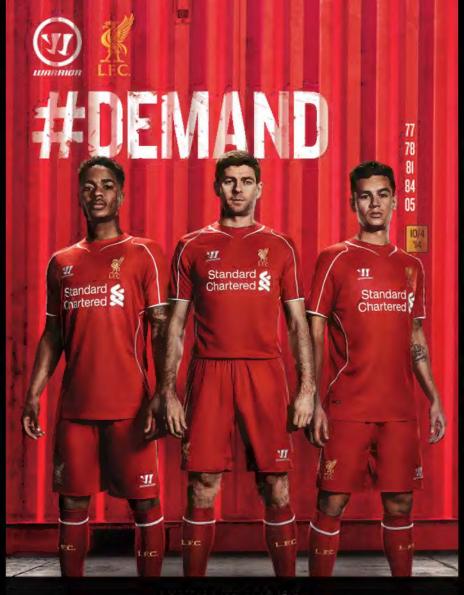
team who wint be defeated essily. Anyone who attended the initial game against Rowers would have really noticed the pace of the stadium redevelopment. It's gived to see so much happening. I've always thought, the club missed the boar when a came to expanding the ground back in the 1990s. The owners were probably short-sighed. Now it's happening and better late than never.

Obviously the new Main Stand will unclude plently of corporate boxes. They are a funge part of flootibed. I'm all for the 'regular ube' going to the metch at a low price, but bottoal is a business and cash has to be generated. It's the same with boxing and whenever we are planning a light we obviously take that find consideration.

My next bout is probably going to be in May, and I'm hoping to have another fight in Liverpool during the summer. It feels like everything is back on track for me. If I win both of those bouts that will partainly be the case.

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